

# **NORTHERN MICHIGAN CHILD WELFARE TRAINING: FROM HEARINGS TO HEARSAY**

**July 25-26, 2013**

**Treetops Resort and Conference Center  
3962 Wilkinson Road  
Gaylord, MI 49735**



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State Court Administrative Office - Child Welfare Services Division  
and  
Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect**

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## BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

This two-day training is designed to provide child welfare professionals with the skills and knowledge they need to effectively handle a child welfare case. On day one, the facilitator will use *Guidelines for Achieving Permanency in Child Protection Proceedings* (the “Yellow Book”) as a tool to engage participants in an interactive overview of the best practices at each stage of a child welfare case, from start to finish. Participants will develop an understanding of the various professional roles and responsibilities in a child welfare case and the interplay between them. On day two, participants will learn about courtroom demeanor, substantive elements of effective testimony, preparedness, and leave with an understanding of the “do’s and don’ts” of testifying in court. The training will also include mock trial practice opportunities. Participants may register for one or both days.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

Child Welfare Attorneys, Child Protective Services and Foster Care caseworkers for the Michigan Department of Human Services, tribes, and private agencies.

## DAY ONE AGENDA

**PRESENTER:**

**Tracy Green, Managing Attorney, Detroit Center for Family Advocacy**

8:30-9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00-9:15 a.m.	Welcome & Introductions
9:15-10:30 a.m.	Overview and Layout
10:30-10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m.-Noon	Application of Yellow Book Using Case Scenarios
Noon-1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00-2:15 p.m.	Application of Yellow Book Using Case Scenarios, continued
2:15-2:30 p.m.	Break
2:30-3:00 p.m.	Application of Yellow Book Using Case Scenarios, continued
3:00-3:30 p.m.	Questions and Evaluation

## DAY TWO AGENDA

**PRESENTER:**

**M. Anthony Flores, Professor, Thomas M. Cooley Law School**

8:00-8:30 a.m.	Registration
8:30-9:00 a.m.	Introductory Remarks
9:00-10:30 a.m.	Lecture
10:30-10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m.-Noon	Lecture, Begin Mock Trial Exercise
Noon-1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00-3:00 p.m.	Mock Trial, continued
3:00-3:30 p.m.	Questions/Feedback

## LODGING INFORMATION

A limited block of overnight rooms has been reserved at Treetops Resort for July 24 and 25, 2013, at a rate of \$75 per night for single-occupancy lodging. The room rate is subject to a \$10.00 convenience fee. This block of rooms will be released back to the hotel after June 25, 2013, so please make your reservation early. We cannot guarantee these rates after the June 25 deadline. **Please note:** You are responsible for your lodging expenses.

**Treetops Resort:** To make your reservations at Treetops Resort call 855-261-8764 and reference “Child Welfare Services” to ensure that you receive the reduced rate. Treetops Resort is located at **3962 Wilkinson Road, Gaylord, Michigan, 49735**. Directions can be found at the following websites:

Site Map: <http://treetops.com/general-information/directions/>

MapQuest: [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com)

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

### Social Work Continuing Education

An application to offer Continuing Education (CEs) for Master and Bachelor level social workers is pending. Upon approval, we will provide CEs at no charge to qualified individuals who attend the training.

To obtain CEs, you must complete and submit a CE form that will be provided on-site. To receive full credit for CEs, you must be seated in the room at 9 a.m. on July 25 and 8:30 a.m. on July 26, and you must attend the entire training. There are no exceptions to these requirements.

## TRAINING COSTS

THERE IS NO REGISTRATION FEE FOR THIS TRAINING. The training is generously funded by the Governor’s Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect. Training materials and lunch on each day will be provided. **Travel, meals other than lunch, and lodging expenses are the responsibility of the participant.**

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. However, there may be some exceptions to ensure geographic diversity and participation across professions. ***Due to space limitations, restrictions have been placed on the number of individuals per agency and discipline who may attend this training. Registration will not guarantee attendance.***

A confirmation notice will be sent to you approximately two weeks before the training. If you have not received a confirmation by July 12, 2013, contact Heather Leidi at 517-373-5322 or [LeidiH@courts.mi.gov](mailto:LeidiH@courts.mi.gov).

## TRAINING REGISTRATION

Online Registration: [Click here](#)

**OR**

Follow the steps below:

- 1) Go to the Child Welfare Services webpage:  
<http://www.courts.michigan.gov/administration/scao/officesprograms/cws/childwelfareservicestraining/pages/default.aspx>
- 2) Select: “CWS Programs”
- 3) Select: “Schedule of Upcoming Programs”
- 4) Select: “Northern Michigan Child Welfare Training: From Hearings to Hearsay”
- 5) Select: “Register” and complete the form

Please use **Internet Explorer** as your browser when registering for this training. If you have problems registering, please contact Heather Leidi at [LeidiH@courts.mi.gov](mailto:LeidiH@courts.mi.gov) or 517-373-5322.

You should submit your registration as soon as possible to increase the likelihood that your registration will be confirmed. Your registration is a commitment to attend the entire portion of the training for which you register. Please do not register to attend this training unless you have scheduling flexibility and have received the necessary authorization to attend.

If you need to cancel after you have been confirmed to attend this training, please contact Heather Leidi at [LeidiH@courts.mi.gov](mailto:LeidiH@courts.mi.gov) or 517-373-5322, as soon as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made. On-site registration is **not** available.